

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A collapsible container holder assembly for carrying a container in a vehicle, said container holder comprising:

~~a carrier portion adapted to be selectably mounted within the vehicle, said carrier portion having at least one recessed opening formed therein, said at least one recessed portion extending between a top end and an opposite bottom end of said carrier portion; and~~

at least one container receptor portion having a generally horizontal support surface for supporting a bottom end of the container, said receptor portion being adapted ~~to telescopically engage and be retained within said at least one opening formed in said carrier portion, said at least one container receptor portion being adjustable relative to said carrier portion between an extended and a collapsed position disposed within said recessed portion and an extended position relative to said carrier portion, said receptor portion protruding axially and downwardly relative to said bottom end of said carrier portion while in said extended position such that said support surface is substantially below said bottom end; and~~

a locking mechanism for locking said at least one container receptor portion in said extended position, said locking mechanism being locked by rotating said at least one container receptor portion in a first direction while extended and unlocked by rotating the at least one container receptor portion in an opposite second direction, said locking mechanism comprising:

an arm protruding from an exterior surface of said container receptor portion toward said carrier portion, said arm being spaced apart from and generally parallel with a radially outwardly extending rim of said container receptor portion; and

a flange protruding from an interior surface of said carrier portion toward said container receptor portion, said flange being aligned in the axial direction between said arm and said rim when said container receptor portion is in said extended position, said flange being retained between said arm and said rim after said rotation of said at least one container receptor portion in said first direction to lock said at least one container receptor portion in said extended position.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Amended) The container holder assembly of claim 1 wherein said at least one container receptor portion comprises at least one retaining arm disposed on an exterior surface, said at least one retaining arm operative to prevent said at least one container receptor portion from being pushed out from said carrier portion when said at least one container receptor portion is moved to said collapsed position.

6-10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A collapsible container holder assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said flange is generally parallel with said arm.

12. (New) A collapsible container holder assembly as set forth in claim 11, wherein said arm has a boss that extends generally axially toward said rim of said container receptor portion.

13. (New) A collapsible container assembly as set forth in claim 12, wherein said flange has a recess that is complementary with said boss and receives said boss therein to resist rotation of said at least one container receptor portion relative to said carrier portion